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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

# Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

NISHIDA ET AL.

Examiner

Richard L. Raymond

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**All Participants:**(1) Richard L. Raymond.(2) Tamthom Truong.**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_(3) Craig McRobbie.

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Date of Interview: 3/25/04

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Interview:**☐ Telephonic☐ Video Conference☒ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☒ Applicant's representative)Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed: \_\_\_\_\_

Claims discussed: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior art documents discussed: \_\_\_\_\_

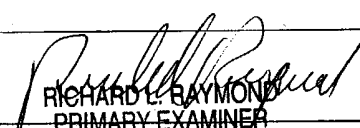
**Part II.**


SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

*No response necessary to last office action. It was agreed that interference proceedings are necessary. A letter of suspension will follow.*

**Part III.** *The restriction requirement of record is herein withdrawn.*

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

  
RICHARD L. RAYMOND  
PRIMARY EXAMINER  
(Examiner/Sign Signature)

  
(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature - if appropriate)

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**SUSPENSION OF ACTION**


**POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE**

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tamthom N. Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-0676. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T (~10 am ~ 8:30 pm) starting from February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached at 571-272-0674. If you are unable to reach Dr. Shah within a 24 hour period, please contact James O. Wilson, Acting SPE of 1624, at 571-272-0661.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1235.

  
T. Truong

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March 25, 2004

  
RICHARD L. RAYMOND  
PRIMARY EXAMINER  
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